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Hi Kerry,

We don't have a place set up yet, but it will likely be in one of the conference rooms at the federal building where the EPA office is located. We will start 8 to 9.

We plan to send out our assessment, as it is, around the 15th. At this point some of the sections (fish and subsistence) are fairly well developed, while others are still just an outline. We plan to give background information on our assessment (purpose, authority, why this now) then discuss what we've done and ask for feed back. Of course we will also take feedback in writing after.

I will be back in the office next Tuesday if you have any questions.

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Phil: Hi. Both Doug Vincent-Lang and I will plan to attend this meeting on behalf of ADF&G. I will just be able to attend on the 29th; Doug will be there both days. Can you let us know the meeting location and what time you plan to start so I'll know if I need to travel up the evening before? Thanks much- Kerry

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Hello all,

EPA continues to make progress on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, though slowly. The EPA Office of Research and Development, the folks who wrote the book on ecological risk assessment, is now fully engaged and has begun to apply their expertise to the Watershed Assessment. After a couple of delays we are ready to ask you to mark your calendars. We would appreciate it if you can set aside June 29 and 30 to meet with us in Anchorage to provide feed back, data and expert opinion on our watershed assessment. Before the meeting we will provide you with an outline of the assessment and the bibliography that we have compiled to date. As an introduction to the meeting we will discuss our motivations and limitations for the assessment, including what the driving statute, the Clean Water Act, directs us to do. An agenda for the meeting will be coming shortly.

We understand that summer is not the best time to arrange a technical meeting. However, to be responsive to the tribes that have requested we initiate a Clean Water Act 404(c) action, and to those that have asked us to wait, we feel that we should continue our progress. We appreciate any assistance you can offer.

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